

done. You may feed on fine wheat in harvest, but you must live under the shelving rock or burrow in the ground, till you can manufacture brick or hew stone. Where can you find a board for a door or a table?

The birth-place of Mary is not less peaceful and attractive than when we lodged here on our way to Jerusalem. Memorable Nazareth, rural secluded spot, where Jesus spent his youth.

Again we climb over the north-eastern hills to reach the sea of Galilee. In two hours we pass some villages, one of which is Cana. We are pleased with the frequent sight of booths, made of wild grass or olive boughs, on the flat roofs of the houses whither we are told the master ascends to pray or to sleep. The dog or the goat is often seen in a similar position.

Tabor appears on our right in solitary grandeur. We are impressed with the richness of the soil. The surface becomes undulating.

In eight hours diligent travel from Nazareth, the most lovely lake in Syria opens to our view, and we descend to its border at Tabarea, (Tiberias) once celebrated for power, learning, and wealth. Nearly every christian association with this lake is pleasant, the demoniacs and the curses on Capernium excepted. But the call of the disciples, the draught of the fishes, the multitude seated in companies on the grass, the preaching in the boat while the people stood on the shore; the prayer by night on the mountain, the walking on the sea, the hushing of the tempest, the stater in the mouth of the fish, the interview between Jesus and the disciples after the resurrection, many miracles of healing the sick—where shall the enumeration end?—all these events which occurred in or near this lake.

Sea of Galilee, sea of Tiberias, or lake of Genesaret, is in our eye a most placid sheet of water, 16 miles long and 8 wide, enclosed by hills, grand, exuberant, and greedily sloping.—The Jordon flows through it. The fish so abound in its transparent waters that we can almost catch them with our hand. The ducks of various names swim undisturbed. It is, I suppose, a part of the Moslem religion not to take the life of a peaceful bird.

There is only one poor boat floating on this lake. This is employed in the service of the government, to transport provisions to a military encampment on the opposite shore. But let us secure a sail, notwithstanding the unhappy alienation between the Turkish captain and our Jewish host. Sad poverty,—the wreck of a boat, and yet this the only one, with two oars and a pitiful substitute for a sail!—But a thousand things seem to lend enchantment to the hour.

The sun declines, the lake is smooth as a mill-pond, the silence is unbroken by sound or bell, or horn, shout or laugh. You land two miles north of the town, and enjoy an ablution at the hot baths. The sick and invalid resort hither for natural or supernatural cure. A profuse perspiration is induced. The hot water boils up from many orifices in the sand: the atmosphere around is filled with vapor, as from a vast cauldron. The bath-house of Ibrahim Pacha, constructed in Egyptian marble, was costly and tasteful, now neglected. I have visited many hot springs, those in your Virginia and others, but I never felt water of such intense heat when flowing from the ground. I cannot doubt that it would cook an egg in 30 minutes. The water becomes cool in a large open cistern, and then the invalids are able to bathe in it.

Tiberias retains little claim to its ancient honor. The wall, the mosque, the houses of the people, appear to be smitten with age.—Where is Capernaum? where is Bethesda?—There are ruins found in several places on the north and east of the lake, but I believe that antiquaries do not pretend, with much confidence, to identify the position of these ancient cities.

TRAVELLER.

THREE GREAT PHYSICIANS.—The celebrated French physician, Dumoulon, on his death-bed, when surrounded by the most celebrated physicians of Paris, said—"My friends, I leave behind me three physicians, much greater than myself." Being pressed to name them, each believing himself to be one of the three, he answered—"Water, Exercise, and Diet."